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PLCs: FIGHT FOR EDUCATION

THERE are now over 17,000 students in Post Leaving Cert colleges.

The conditions in these colleges are terrible. There are no grants and none of the courses are given third level recognition, despite the fact that most of the courses are similar to those in RTCs and DITs.

On top of that there are little or no facilities—many colleges don't even have a library!

The majority of students in PLCs are working class. Even before students get to college there is discrimination.

Ten years ago, one university student in every hundred came from an unskilled-manual working class background.

Today the figure is one in every two hundred.

The reality of Irish education is elitist and directly discriminates against working class people.

Labour and Democratic Left in government have done nothing to tackle this basic inequality and won't even give grants to PLC students.

What we need is a real alternative to the sell-outs of Labour and the Democratic Left.

The inequalities of opportunity in education mirror the inequalities in society generally. Education shouldn't be a privilege but a right.

The only way to be sure of a decent education for all is to fight for a just and equal society.

Come along after the march for an informal drink and meeting.

AFTER MARCH DRINK AND MEETING

Fight for Education Fight for Socialism

with Margaret Quinn—PLC student rep (Cork) and Joan Gallagher (Socialist Worker)

Fleet Bar (upstairs) Fleet Street after march

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